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Henry IV, King of France (8)

A LETTER SENT

by the French King vnto Monsieur de la
Verune Liefetenant for his Maieftie at
Caen in Normandie ; concerning the most
happy victory which he obtained against
the Leaguers and Rebels in his Kingdome,
vpon the 14. daie of March last
past, according to the
Romane compu-
tation.

Wherein is effectually set forth the truth of the
Kings proceeding to the said Batraile, and the true
number of both the Armies, and of those that
were drowned, and taken prisoners
in the same.

Whereunto is adioyned the late agreement of the Lordes
and states assembled in the Court of Parliament, holden in
Normandie since the said fourteenth daie of
March. 1590.

Truely translated according to the French Coppie.



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by the French King to Monsieur de
Vintimille, Ambassador for his Majesty at
London in November, concerning the most
happy victory which he obtained against
the English and Rebels in his Kingdom.

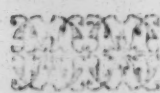
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Wherein is set forth the manner of the
King's proceeding to the relief of the
number of both the Army and of those that
were drowned and taken prisoners
in the said battle.



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Court of Parliament, Printed
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Monsieur de Verune, it hath pleased God to give unto mee that whereto I had most desire, namely, that I had meanes to give battaile to my enemies, hauing a sure confidence, that in being there hee would graciously assist me for the obtaining of the victorie, as it is come to passe this daie. You haue

heeretofore vnderstood, how after the taking of the towne of Honneflaur, I came to cause them to raise the siege that they held before the towne of Mullen, offering battaile unto them, which in the end they seemed to accept, they hauing in number twice as many more as I was able to make. But perceiving they would defer the matter till such time as they might bring their forces with the five hundred lances which were sent unto them by the Prince of Parma, as they had done oft times before. Afterwarde publishing abroad that they would force me to battell in what place so euer I was, and did thinke to haue reconectred an occasion of more advantage against me, to come to encounter me at the siege which I made before the Citie of Dreux: but I was loth they should take the paines to come so farr, but so soon as I was aduertised that they had passed the river of Seane, and also that they did turne the head of their battaile towards me, I did resolve with my self, rather to raise my siege then to faile to go meete them before hand: and hauing vnderstood that they were within five leagues (which is twelue miles) of the sayd towne of Dreux, I departed on the munday before, and went to lodge at the towne of Muncon court, which was three leagues from them, there to passe the river. On the Tuesday I came and lodged my selfe, where willingly they would haue lodged also, for their harbingers and marshalls were then come thither to appoint them their lodgings.

On the morrowe I did set my selfe in battayle in a verie faire plaine, within one league of the enemye, which playne they had made readie for themselves the day before, whether also they came right some with their armie, but so farre from me, that I had great advantage to seeke them so farre of, being content that they shuld recover a village nere unto me, the which they were glad to obtain. The night being come, we were all constrained to lodge our selves, which wee dyd in the nere st villages about mee. This daie hauing very earlie in the morning made meanes to knowe their intent, and what they would doe, and perceiued that they were all there present, but yet more farther off then they were yesterdaie, I then resolved to approach so nere them, that of necessitye they must needs loyne, as in dede it came to passe, betwene ten and eleuen of the clock in the forenone, where they came forward verie bravely, untill such time as theyr armie was planted in a place somewhat convenient, where before they had not aduanced themselves, esteeming it the best and readiest waie to giue the assault. The Battayle was giuen, wherein God woulde haue knowne that his power is alwaies readie to helpe the right; for in lesse then one houre after, hauing cast forth their choller in two or thre charges which they had made and abidden, all their horse men, began to take part with y King, utterly forsaking their infanterie, who were a great number, which the Switzers perceiuing, yelded themselves presently to my mercie, rendering to me the Collonels, Captaines, Souldiers and Ensignes. The Laine-Knightes and French men on theyr side, had not leasure to take this resolution, for there was slaine and rent in pecces more then twelue hundred of the one, and as many of the other, the rest were taken prisoners, and enforced to tie into sundrie woodes and desert places, there to stand to the mercie of the Countrey men. Of their horse men there were about nine hundred or one thousand slaine, besides those that were drowned in passage.

the river of Dary, who were a great number, the rest that were better hoſt eſcaped by flight, but it was with greaſe diſorder, hauing loſt both bagge and baggage. My ſelf neuer ſoſook to follow them in chaſe, til they came neere Mantz. There white Cornette I worne, and it remaineth with mee, and he which bore it is my priſoner, twelue or fifteene other Cornettes of their hoſe men were taken. Twiſe as many of their Infanterie, al their Artillerie, many Lords priſoners, and a greaſe number ſaine, eſpecialye ſuch as were Commanders, of whom as yet I haue no knowledge, but of this I am certain that amongſt the reſt, the countie Egmon: who was Centrall of all the ſaide forces, which came thither from Flaunders was ſaine. The priſoners all ſay that their army was ſoure thouſand hoſe men, and twelue or thirteene thouſand ſoſemen, whereof I am aſſured the ſourth parte is not leſſe liuing. As ſoꝝ my parte it was but two thouſande hoſe men and eight thouſand ſoſe men, but of theſe hoſemen there came vnto mee ſince that I was in battaile the tuesday and weddeſday ſire hundꝛeth hoſe. Likewiſe the laſt troupe of the nobility of Picardy, conducted vnder the Lord of Humiers, being 300. came vnto me but halfe an houre befoꝛe the combat began. It is a miraculous woꝛke of God who firſt gaue me this reſolution to aſſault them, and then by his grace ſo happely to accompliſh the victory: to whom be all gloꝛy and praile. And that praile which vnder God is deſe vnto mee, I giue vnto my Princes, Officers of the Crowne, Lords and Captaines, and to all the nobility which I found following the matter with ſuch heate, and imploying themſelues ſo courageouſly, as their predeceſſours neuer leſt moꝛe ſaie enſample to their generoſity, then them ſelues in this had done, to their following poſteritie, & though I ca not but be greatly contented & ſatiſfide herewith, yet herein I account them like my ſelf, and the rather when they did beholde that I would employ them in no other place then wher my ſelfe made way befoꝛe them.

them: I haue euer more followed the successe of the victory with my kinsmen the Princes of Conde, the duke of Montpensier, the Countie of Saint Paule, the Marshall, the Grand Priour of France, Aumont Trimouille, the lords of Giskey and of Greury, and many other Signiours and Captaines, my cossen the Marshell of Biron remained in the body of the army to vnderstand newes of me, which sel outand, as I euer hope wil prosperously.

You vnderstand by this brieft dispatche how well I follow these good beginnings, especially the ample particularities of this victory, whereof I was the more desirous in the meane while to aduertise you, as loth to holde you from the pleasure which I know you will conceaue thereof. I pray you imparte these newes to all other my good friends there about you, but aboue all to render thanks to God, whom I pray protect my good Loyd of Veronne in safety.

From the Campe at Rony the foureteenth of March.

Signed

Henrie.

And vnderneath

Potier.

And on the superscription,

To my Loyd de Verron my lieftenant in the
gouvernemente of the Alsatoische
of Carn.



AN ACT OF PAR-
liament, for the taking of all the
goods of al the Leaguers and Rebels, thei
complices and adherents, holden at
Caen in Normandy vppon the
foureteenth day of March
last past. 1590.

By the Kings priuiledge.

The true Coppy of that Acte taken out of the re-
gister of the saide Courte of Parliament.

Trulie translated according to the Frenche copy.



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Don the complaint made by the Kings
Attorney generall, as also by the de-
crees of his said Maiesty, that the Acte
of the Court which was before ordai-
ned and enioyned to the Bailiffes, their
deputies and other Officers, for the di-
ligēt proceeding in taking of the goods,
moueables and immoueables apertay-

ning to the Leaguers and Rebels their complices and adhe-
rentes, hath since bene neglected, whereby they ought to
haue proceeded in the sale of the same moueable Rents & im-
moueables, & to haue all the money so gathered for the goods
to the Kings use. Yet soasmuch as the saide Bailiffes
with their deputies, hath so negligently proceeded in this
matter until this present day, that there hath but little there-
of come to the hands of the Kings receauers, the Kings At-
turney generall hath therefore published the same in the said
court of Parliament, and made request that it would please
the Lordes and States assembled to graunt redresse therof.

Whereuppon the saide Courte graunting right to the
saide request, hath ordained, commaunded, and straightly
enioyned all the Bailiffes in their liberties, and their liefe-
nants in their precincts, speedily setting al other affaires a-
side, to procede in the taking of the saide goods, moueables
and immoueables, debts and duties, with the names and ac-
tions of the Leaguers and Rebels, their complices and adhe-
rents, as well ecclesiasticall as ciuill, noble and ignoble, of
what qualitie or condition soeuer. And to take all their saide
goods and moueables, rents, and immoueables, and to make
sale thereof to the vttermost penny, and all the money so ta-
ken to be paid vnto the Kings receauers in euery seuerall
prouince: and the same to be effectually done without fauour,
fraud or deceite, vppon paine that the saide Bailiffes and
their deputies for want of the due execution of the said Act,
be seuerally condemned in the balew and estimation of all

the moueable remouable and immouable so appertaining to the saide Leaguers. And to bee further charged in sending Commissioners at their owne proper coste to be appointed for the due execution thereof, according to the true meaning of the saide Act. And to the end that the same may be done effectually, the saide Court of Parliament hath ordained and enioyned all the saide Bailiffes and their deputies, every moneth to sende into the seuerall Courts of the saide precincts, a true notife in wryting of all the goods that they haue taken and solde as well moueables, as rentes and immouable, and therewith all such sommes of money as they haue receaued for the same, to bee payde from time to time to the Kings vse, vppon paine of the Kings displeasure and such further punishment as by his Maiesty shall bee thought mete. And to the end that no man shall bee ignorant of this present Acte, the saide Courte hath ordained that the same shall bee Imprinted and published abroade, and sent to all the saide Bailiffes in their seuerall precincts: and there published and registred: and the deedes of the saide publication to be recordeed and sette vp in their seuerall Courts, that they may haue daily recourse thereinto when neede shall serue. Given at the Parliament holden at Caen in f. 3. mandy, the fourtieth day of March. 1590.

Signed.

Codefroy.

A

A Song of thanks giuing for the
victorie obtained against those of the
League, in the Battaille fought at Saint
Andrewes, by Henrie the fourth of that
name, King of France and Nauarre.

Translated out of French.

VV ^h ^h ^h Should I shut in these obliuious den,
The wonderous works of God for vs hath wrought
Say first I will procure all Christian men,
With humble hearts in deede and secret thought
To render thanks and praises as we ought,
For our deliuerance from the Leaguers rage,
Whose haughtie pride the Lord did some asswage.

You golden skies wherein the signes do sit,
Thou earth wherein both tolines and toilers stand,
You seas whose ebs and flows surpasseth humane wit,
Hearken a while to that we haue in hand,
True signes of joy we shew throughout the land,
God by our King hath cast these traitors downe,
Which by rebellion thought to gaine the crowne.

Like as the Eagle bringeth from her nest,
Her little birdes to gaze against the Sunne,
Thereby to proue the bad ones from the best,
That other foules to her no wrong had done,
So God to trie the faith in vs begunne,
Sent forth our King, and strengthened to his traine,
That he triumphed when his foes were slain.

Because they turned truth and iustice out,
And dispossessed the Lordes annointed quight
With murdering hand, when that they brought about,
Untimely death vpon that kingly might,
For their ambition and their cruell spight,

Thy immortall God who liues for evermore,
Both life and honor toke from them therefore.

Which by our King well executed was
On them, their wives, and children young of age,
Both fire and sword deservedly dyd passe,
Bloud craueth bloud, nought else may it allwage,
Triumphant Heritie well performd this charge,
His heart, his bloud, and kingly prowesse then
Some sayd the force of those valinglorious men.

Their strength was great, their mallice three times more,
Their skill and knowledge nothing to be blamed,
Money and munition they had wondrous store,
Their lustie looks briliely to be famed,
No hope we had of conquest to be gained,
Sane that the Lord did cast them in our handes,
Hartelesse and fearefull of our slender bands.

Thy secrets Lord vnto thy selfe are known,
Our thankfull hearts, we present vnto thee,
The glorie of thy name, shall in our songs be shewen,
And for our King our prayers still shall be,
That in his raigne we may deliverance see,
Of all our griefes endured heretofore,
Which we full long in sorrow did deplore.

Thy workes are endlesse, perfect and holy,
Iustice and iudgement is euer in thy sight,
Thy truth cannot be overcome by folly,
Thy hand reuenging, grievously doth limite,
Thou louest iustice and all things vpright,
Sinne and iniquitie thou wilt still confound,
But faithfull men in blessings shall abound.

To thee O Lord belongeth glorie still,
Victorie is thine, to thee all praise is due,

My songs shall shew thy wonders, and thy will,
 That babes unborn thy praises may renew,
 Such rare effects comes seldom in our view,
 We fought the field with courage bolde and free,
 But Lord we graunt, that victorie come by thee,

F I N I S

A new Dittie of the state of France, according to

the French Dittie.

O Woe distressed Church of Christ,
 To whom shalt thou impart,
 What wrong the L. eaguers offer thee,
 To wound and grieve thy hart,
 Which grievous thraldome, as I find,
 Springs through thy unbeleeving mind.

Spurne and lament for thy great sinne,
 In humble wise seeke God to please,
 That God if so thou doe begin,
 These bloodie warres can soone appease,
 And from thy straight captiuitie,
 Rescue thee to thy libertie.

He doth behold the haughtie pride,
 Of those that are thy enemies,
 And all their glorie which is vaine,
 He setteth now before his eyes,
 Who by the puissance of his power,
 Will overthrow them in an houre.

Well though thy members forced be,
 On earth afflictions for to beare:
 Though they and theirs by means of warre,
 Are robb and spoilde and put in feare,
 Be sure thy griefe shall shortly cease:
 And God with speede will send thee peace.

And though on earth thy ioy bee small,
Take courage nois feare not their rage,
For doubtlesse in the heauens above,
God hath prepar'd thy heritage:
Where thou with him shalt ever dwell,
In endlesse ioyes that doth excell.

Unto our royall crowned kings,
Great wrong the League hath long time don,
And grieuous hysles hath raised ofte,
Our countrey still to ouerron.
And would performe on Burbons race,
As to the Valoyes late in place.

In prayer for thy King remayne,
Pray that God geue him strength and might,
The faith of Christ still to maintayne,
Gainst foes for to defend his right.
What all the Rebels may craue truce,
Of our braue Prince and Floure de Luce.

For hee a valiaunt King is found,
Hee liues in loue and feare of God,
Hee strikes his enemies to the ground,
And to them is a scourging rod,
As at this day appeared right:
Where God him selfe for him did fight.

Tremble thou League and Gwizes grudge.
For doubtlesse God on you doth lower,
Thinke not to scape his dreadfull scourge:
You shall bee punisht by his power,
For maugre them and all their might,
The King was strongest in the fight.

FINIS.



